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## TRAIN IS BLOWN FROM ITS TRACK BY FIERCE WIND

Many Hurt When Wabash Passenger Train Leaves Tracks During Terrific Gale.

### TORNADO SWEPS WISCONSIN

Several Fatalities from Storm in Wisconsin and Iowa; Washouts on Both Banks of Mississippi; Property Damage Proves to Be Heavy.

PONTIAC, Mich., June 2.—Twenty persons were injured, one seriously, when the Wabash's midnight special was blown from the track at Saunemin, early today by a severe wind-storm.

The wreck occurred in a deep cut, preventing the cars from overturning, with more serious results. The engine and four coaches were blown from the track. A woman was hurled 30 feet.

### Tornado in Wisconsin.

La Crosse, Wis., June 2.—Several are reported killed at North McGregor, Iowa, and at Prairie Du Chene. There was great property damage by a tornado. All wires are down.

It is reported a number were drowned at McGregor. Washouts occurred on both sides of the Mississippi. Wrecking crews left La Crosse. The cloudburst damaged McGregor to the extent of fifty thousand dollars. The water fell in sheets, hundreds of head of stock were drowned. Hardly a business house escaped damage. The water is over the dining table tops in the hotel. A theater was unroofed. Two men were drowned and two children are missing.

## FIERCE FIGHTING ON AT DOUAMOUNT

COMING ENGLISH OFFENSIVE SAID TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR FURIOUS GERMAN ATTACKS.

LONDON, June 2.—Fort Douaumont is again under a fierce hail of shells, due to the shift of the German attack from the west to the east bank of the Meuse. Word from Paris says that desperate energy and apparent disregard for their own losses is due to a fear of the British offensive. The French and German infantry struggled late last night with awful losses. It is reported the Germans gained some ground taken by the French in an earlier surprise attack.

Reports of the British offensive being near have aroused new enthusiasm and are given added weight by the reiteration of a denial by Paris of lack of harmony between the English and French.

### French Claim Gains.

PARIS, June 2.—By violent infantry attack the French progressed one hundred meters toward the German trenches south of Caurette woods, a communiqué announced. The German attack between Caurette woods and Comieres is checked. On the right bank of the Meuse extremely violent fighting occurred all day from Thiaumont Farm to Vaux. Southeast of Fort Douaumont the Germans penetrated the Caillotte woods and also made progress on the shore of Vaux Pond it is admitted. Douaumont is already subjected to explosions. Thousands of men are again under a fierce artillery fire.

### Turks on Offensive.

PETROGRAD, June 2.—Sharp attacks by the Turks against the Russian main line has resulted in a temporary check of the advance. It is unofficially reported here. The Turkish offensives were made in the region of Paburt, Brazan and Rivnious.

## NEWS SUMMARY

General. German fleet defeats English in great naval battle. Old guard republicans may trade platform for candidate. Serious storms in Michigan and Wisconsin.

Local. Boys and girls Sunday school conference opens here this evening. Royal send-off will be accorded Queen Muriel on Sunday. J. S. Winter contracting firm reported in hands of receiver.

## Western Woman Head of General Federation



Mrs. Josiah Evans Cowles of Los Angeles, Cal.

NEW YORK, June 2.—Mrs. Josiah Evans Cowles, of Los Angeles, has been elected president of the General Federation of Women's clubs by a large majority, defeating Mrs. Samuel H. Sneath, of Tiffin, O.

The vote taken yesterday showed that Mrs. Cowles received 1273 ballots



Mrs. Samuel B. Sneath of Tiffin, Ohio.

against 433 for Mrs. Sneath. The other officers elected are:

First vice president, Miss Georgia A. Bacon, of Worcester, Mass.; second vice president, Mrs. Eugene Kelly, Charlotte, N. C.; recording secretary, Mrs. Carrie A. McFarland, South Dakota; corresponding secretary, Mrs.

## T. C. Taylor is Being Groomed For Republican Chairmanship

PORTLAND, Ore., June 2.—Thomas C. Taylor, formerly of Pendleton but for several years a resident of Portland, is being groomed by his friends as a candidate for election as chairman of the republican state central committee to succeed Charles B. Moore.

Mr. Moore is not now in the city and it is not known whether he will be a candidate for reelection. Some of his friends say he will not be and that after he has called the state central committee together for organization and it has elected its temporary chairman he will lay down the burdens of the office and retire to his old place as a worker with the rank and file.

Mr. Taylor is well known to Oregon politicians and well remembered by those who followed Oregon politics a few years ago. He was a member of the state senate from Umatilla county during the sessions of 1897 and 1899 and was president of the senate during the latter session. He differed with W. J. Furnish when Furnish was nominated for governor and aligned himself with the so-called Lowell wing of the republican party.

It is argued by the friends of Mr. Taylor that his long residence in eastern Oregon will give him support among the delegates from east of the mountains and that with Multnomah county support he ought to have a running start for the chairmanship.

Jay Bowerman has for the past couple of elections walked into the state committee meeting with a bunch of proxies in his pocket giving him the balance of power in the organization of the state central committee. Since Taylor has never played ball with the Bowerman faction, an interesting organization battle is looked for when the state committee meets to elect its chairman for the coming campaign. This is especially

## RECEIVER NAMED FOR J. S. WINTER, IS REPORT

It was reported here this afternoon that the contracting firm of J. S. Winter, builders of the local federal building, and of the Pendleton hotel, has gone into the hands of a receiver at Portland to satisfy claims of creditors. No details of the appointment of a receiver or what steps have been taken to meet the demands of the creditors have been received here as yet. It was rumored that the receiver was forced through a mistake made in the local federal building which would have to be refitted at a considerable outlay of money. The error was said to have been made in the installation of the boilers.

## STRIKEBREAKERS MAY BE USED AT FRISCO

SAN FRANCISCO, June 2.—If striking Longshoremen don't return to work Monday the employers will import strikebreakers. Last night 50 men attacked Pier 19. Two shots were fired, a riot call was given and ten policemen dispersed the crowd. The unions claim no hand in this. The companies offered a ten per cent increase. The Longshoremen want 30 per cent. The strike is gravely interfering with building operations.

## Rumor That Northern Pacific May Build to Holdman Section

That the Northern Pacific Company is contemplating an extension of its line in this county to give the farmers of the Holdman vicinity an outlet for their grain is a persistent rumor that has been in circulation for some time.

The discussion of other plans for a railroad or automobile traffic road into this country is said to have stirred the N. P. officials into considering plans for immediate work. In fact one report has it that the company has men going over a proposed route at the present time but there is no verification of this report.

The company is said to have made a preliminary survey for an extension

from Myrick past the German Hall several years ago. At one time the farmers of that section offered to donate the right of way and help in some of the grading if the work was undertaken at once. Whether or not they will still be willing to do this is a question in view of other projects under consideration.

Walter Adams, local agent of the N. P., states that he knows nothing of the company having men in the field at this time. However, N. P. officials have from time to time discussed tentative plans with a number of local business men and have gone so far as to state that sooner or later the company would tap this country.

## German Fleet Defeats big British Force in North Sea; Eight Britishers Destroyed

### Hughes Declares Hitchcock is Not Acting on Authority

WASHINGTON, June 2.—Justice Hughes' secretary told the United Press today that neither Hitchcock nor anyone else is authorized to work for Hughes' nomination at Chicago.

Secretary Green said: "Justice Hughes has no representative and nobody is authorized to use his name as a presidential possibility. He is surprised at the impression gained that Hitchcock is acting by authority of the justice. Hughes is sticking close to his library, studying cases."

CHICAGO, June 2.—Hitchcock said: "The statement by Hughes' secretary bears out my contention all along. I'm here to work for the best interests of the republican party, as every republican has a right to do." Hitchcock was told that many political leaders will probably construe the Washington statement as a flat disavowal of Hitchcock's efforts in his behalf. He said: "I don't think it is for me to say anything regarding that."

Engagement Occurred May 31; News is Confirmed by London; German Ships Return to Base After Victory Which Cost Several Teuton Ships; News Causes Allied Stocks to Drop.

BERLIN, via Wireless, June 2.—The admiralty has announced an engagement for the German high seas fleet with the main part of the English fleet in which more than eight Britishers were destroyed and many badly damaged on May 31. The engagement occurred between the battleships Queen Mary, Indefatigable, two armed cruisers of the Achilles type, one small cruiser, the destroyers Turban, Nestor and Albatross and one submarine. The Germans lost the Pomern, the cruiser Wiesbaden and probably the Frankeburg.

The Marlborough was hit by a torpedo, according to prisoners. Among the prisoners rescued by the Germans were only two from the Indefatigable, whose crew numbered more than 800. The Germans returned to their base yesterday. The Germans report the British losses as a "large number."

Market Affected. NEW YORK, June 2.—The stock market broke three points on the news of the naval engagement. Anglo-French loans are off one quarter of a point. Steel is off one point.

Wheat Drops. CHICAGO, June 2.—News of the naval engagement caused July wheat to drop 1 3/4, September 1 5/8.

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## Old Guard Would Swap Platform for Right Candidate

ROOSEVELT BACKS BELIEVE G. O. P. AND PROGRESSIVES WILL COMBINE.

CHICAGO, Ill., June 2.—Ready to swap the platform for a candidate, the old guard G. O. P. has turned its attention to planks the republican convention is expected to draft. The platform will contain practically every bull moose plank in a hope of winning the progressive support.

Confidence that republicans and progressives will reach an agreement on a candidate grew by leaps and bounds at Roosevelt headquarters today. Perkins declared frankly the progressive committee's plan all along had been for the republicans to nominate a president before taking action themselves.

Some politicians say the Hughes statement is simply another step in the campaign to keep Hughes' record absolutely clear. Hitchcock said: "It is simply what is already known. We're acting in behalf of public sentiment." "I think it will clear the atmosphere," said Charles Pepper, a Roosevelt supporter. George W. Perkins—"I have no comment." "Very interesting," was the comment at the Roosevelt non-partisan league. Pentrose—"No comment."

## Five Killed When Rock Island Train Through a Bridge

CHICAGO, June 2.—Five were killed and eight injured in the wreck of Rock Island train No. 19 between Clarksville and Packard, Iowa, today. Two bodies have been recovered, it is stated. A weakened bridge sent a coach, two sleepers, the engine and baggage car into the stream. The coach is entirely submerged.

## FRENCH AIRMEN FIGHT WITH GERMAN FOKKERS

TWO BIG TEUTON RAIDERS DESTROYED BY PURSUING AIRCRAFT.

PARIS, June 2.—Returning after dropping bombs upon Barleduc, German Fokkers were intercepted by French airmen. One German machine was riddled and fell near Etain. Two French machines circled another Fokker and forced it to descend at Houcouville in awrecked condition.

Deputy Sheriff Blakely is spending the day in the east end of the county on business.

## British Moving to Balkan Front Threatened by Teutonic Forces



BRITISH ON THE MARCH IN THE BALKANS. (INTL. FILM SERVICE.)

The allied forces in Salonica are being concentrated in great numbers. From all indications the movement portends that the long expected drive on Salonica is about to be started. The photograph shows British infantry crossing one of the many streams enroute to their new position on the Balkan front.

## BOYS AND GIRLS GATHER FROM ALL EASTERN OREGON

Third Annual Conferences Commence This Evening at Local Churches; Will Continue Over Sunday.

## JOINT BANQUET TOMORROW

Meetings Are Held Under Auspices of State Sunday School Association; C. O. Phillips now here to Conduct Affair; Good Program Arranged.

With 60 girl members already registered for reservations here and at least as many boys expected the third annual older boys and girls conference for eastern Oregon, under the direction of the Oregon State Sunday School association, will open here this evening with meetings at the Methodist and the Christian churches. The conference will continue until Sunday night.

The meetings of the boys division will be held at the Methodist church and the girls at the Christian church. Charles A. Phelps, general secretary of the Sunday school association, arrived this morning to take part in the meetings. Among others who arrived during the day, and who will take leading parts at the conference are John H. Ridd, boys' secretary of the state Y. M. C. A.; Rev. George L. Clark of La Grande, Mrs. L. M. Ormsby of Boise and Mrs. C. H. Upton of La Grande.

On tomorrow evening at the Baptist church a big banquet will be served to the delegates.

At 5 o'clock this afternoon all those arriving will register and be assigned to local homes by the committee in charge. The young folks will gather at their respective meeting places at 7:30 o'clock and a social time will be enjoyed to allow everyone to get acquainted. At 8 o'clock this evening the conference proper will begin with an opening song and prayer service.

Mayor Best will deliver the address of welcome to the boys and Mrs. J. A. Lowell will welcome the girls while words of welcome in behalf of the churches of the city will be given by Rev. E. R. Cleveland to the boys and by Mrs. G. W. Rugg to the girls. Vernon Smith of Weston will respond for the boys and Dorothy Haworth of La Grande for the girls. Miss Hazel

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